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20th December 2013

William Powell AC/AM
Chair
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Dear Bill

X94 Bus Service

Thank you for your letter of 6th December and the comments made regarding the X94 bus service between Barmouth and Wrexham.

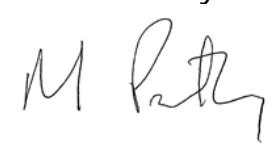
We are fully aware of the need to retain this important service that provides the only public transport access for many communities along the route. We have been working closely with colleagues in Welsh Government and in the three local authorities along the route. An alternatives service has now been tendered by Gwynedd Council, and will commence from the 22 December for a six month period. This will allow time for a review of the service demand along the route to be undertaken and a long term plan for service re-provision to be developed. Our intention is to ensure that as effective a service as possible within funding constraints is provided for the communities currently served by the X94. The additional costs incurred for the six month interim service have been identified from within the existing Regional Transport Services grant provided to Taith by the Welsh Government.

We are also in the final stages of completing the Regional Bus Network Strategy for North Wales, which will be submitted to the Welsh Government in January 2014. This provides a framework for the development of an integrated bus and community transport network across the region, and identifies potential opportunities for increasing access to public transport in rural North Wales.

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If we can provide any additional information to support your Committee's response to the petition, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Priestley", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Councillor Mike Priestley
Chair of Taith